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SUBJ: 24TH SESSION OF COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT--
ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

1. SUMMARY. FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS OF FIRST DAY OF 24TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (CSD) WAS ELECTION OF OFFICERS. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY BRIEF STATEMENTS FROM ASYG SIPILA AND DIRECTOR OF CDPPP JACOB MOSAK WHO OUTLINED WORK PROGRAM OF SESSION WHICH SCHEDULED END JANUARY 24. AGENDA WAS FINALLY RE-ORDERED WITHOUT OBJECTION ON BASIS OF CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSAL. END SUMMARY.

2. AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CSD JANUARY 6 THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION: CHAIRMAN, DR. KHALEEQ AHMED NAQVI (INDIA); FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN, IAN J.D. MACKAY (NEW ZEALAND); SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN, DR. LUIS LASCARRO (COLOMBIA); THIRD VICE CHAIRMAN, MRS. WINIFRED AYODELE ECEWEN (NIGERIA); RAPPORTEUR, NICOLAE ROPTTEAN (ROMANIA). ROMANIA WHICH HAD SOUGHT THE CHAIRMANSHIP WITHDREW ITS CANDIDACY.

3. ASYG HELVI SIPILA IN HER STATEMENT NOTED THAT THIS WAS AN IMPORTANT SESSION FOR THE COMMISSION BECAUSE IT WAS CONVENING AT THE MIDPOINT OF THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE. SHE FURTHER NOTED THAT THIS WAS A PERIOD OF WORLDWIDE INFLATION WHICH WAS IMPEDING DEVELOPMENT AND THAT METHODS AND STRATEGIES OF LAST TWO DECADES

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HAD SEEMINGLY BECOME INEFFECTIVE UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS. THIS

WAS TIME WHEN EFFORTS MUST BE INCREASED TO HELP DEVELOPING NATIONS ACHIEVE ADEQUATE MEASURE OF PROGRESS. AFTER COMMENTING ON ISSUES WHICH THE COMMISSION WILL DISCUSS DURING THIS SESSION MRS. SIPILA TURNED TO INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR. SHE STRESSED NEED FOR WOMEN TO BE INTEGRATED INTO DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND CALLED FOR EQUALITY BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN.

4. JACOB MOSAK, DIRECTOR OF CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, PROJECTIONS AND POLICIES (CDPPP) SAID THAT THE ECONOMIC UPHEAVAL IN WORLD THREATENED OUTLOOK FOR GROWTH AND SINCE ECONOMIC TARGETS WERE INSTRUMENTS TO ACHIEVE SOCIAL GOALS, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT WOULD, OF COURSE, BE AFFECTED. HE NOTED THAT DURING PAST TWO DECADES THERE HAS BEEN A COMMITMENT TO DEVELOP BOTH ECONOMIC AND HUMAN RESOURCES. HOWEVER, THERE WAS THE NEED TO ESTABLISH PARAMETERS OF GROWTH AND CDPPP IS ATTEMPTING TO PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION TO COMITE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND COMITE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL. THE CENTRE HAS BEEN REORGANIZED TO FOCUS MORE ATTENTION ON INTEGRATED SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. ONE DIFFICULTY IN THIS NEW APPROACH IS THE QUALITY OF THE SOCIAL DATA. NOTING NEED FOR BETTER DATA BASE, MOSAK POINTED OUT THAT SOCIAL REPORTING AND SOCIAL INDICATORS COULD MAKE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TOWARD IMPROVING DATA BASE.

5. ORGANIZATION OF WORK. DELEGATE OF UKRAINIAN SSR (SHELPAKOV) REQUESTED THAT ITEMS 3(A) AND 3(B) (WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION) BE SEPARATED SINCE THEY WERE OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE. UK DEL (PROSSER) OBJECTED SAYING THAT THE TWO ITEMS BELONGED TOGETHER, BUT THAT BOTH SHOULD BE MOVED BACK ON AGENDA SINCE DOCUMENTS HAD BEEN LATE IN ARRIVING. ITEM 3 WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DIVIDED INTO TWO SEPARATE ITEMS, BOTH OF WHICH PLACED LATER ON THE AGENDA. CHILE REP (AMUNATEGUI) COMPLAINED THAT NOT ENOUGH ATTENTION WAS BEING PAID TO ITEMS ON CHILDREN. CONSIDERING FOOD SITUATION, LACK OF NUTRITION AND NEED TO HELP CHILDREN WHO WERE MALNOURISHED, HE FELT THAT THE DEBATE ON CHILDREN SHOULD BE ENLARGED. DELS AGREED THAT THIS WAS IMPORTANT BUT COMMISSION COULD NOT UNDERTAKE SUCH A MASSIVE ISSUE AT THIS SESSION. CHAIRMAN PROPOSED FOLLOWING ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS TOGETHER WITH NUMBER OF MEETINGS FOR EACH, WHICH ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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6. WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION--3 MEETINGS

7. MID-TERM REVIEW AND APPRAISAL--2 MEETINGS

8. UN RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (UNRISD)--
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11. SOCIAL INDICATORS--1 MEETING

12. NATIONAL FAR-REACHING EXPERIENCE--2 MEETINGS

13. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES--2 MEETINGS

14. CONSIDERATION OF PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR 25TH SESSION

15. ADOPTION OF REPORT OF CSD TO ECOSOC.

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